

## **Gamma-ray observations of the eta Carinae region**

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We give an overview of the high energy X-ray and gamma-ray observations of the eta Carinae region by different satellites, and present the results of the extensive monitoring by the AGILE gamma-ray satellite during July 2007 to present. A gamma-ray source - 1AGL J1043-5931 - is present at the eta Carinae position and a remarkable flaring episode was detected. We suggest that this gamma-ray source is associated with the eta Car system, which should represent the first detection above 100 MeV of a colliding wind binary, and discuss the fundamental theoretical implications.